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SUBJECT: GROWING SECTARIAN STRIFE IN HOUSING ESTATE

1. SUFFOLK HOUSING ESTATE INCORPORATING PART OF LENADOON ESTATE SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS BELFAST SCENE OF GROWING SECTARIAN TENSION AND CONFRONTATION REMINISCENT OF 1971 AND 1972. GENERAL AREA IS ONE IN WHICH (PREDOMINATELY CATHOLIC) EXTENSION OF WEST BELFAST ABUTS PREDOMINATELY PROTESTANT DUNMURRY SUBURB AND THERE SEVERAL SHOTS AND BOMBINGS IN AREA THIS YEAR. ABOUT TWELVE PROTESTANT FAMILIES HAVE NOW DESERTED HOUSES AND ANOTHER DOZEN CATHOLIC FAMILIES ARE CONSIDERING DEPARTURE. SO FAR THIS WEEK TWO MEN WOUNDED IN MACHINE GUN ATTACK ON BRITISH LEGION CLUB AND ONE FOURTEEN-YEAR OLD GIRL WOUNDED IN ATTACK ON PRIMARY SCHOOL TO WHICH SEVERAL PROTESTANT FAMILIES HAD BEEN EVACUATED. ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) NOW HAS ERECTED BARRICADES AND MADE A "NO-GO AREA" FOR KING'S OWN BORDER REGIMENT STATIONED LOCALLY AND ACCUSED BY PROTESTANTS OF FAVORING CATHOLICS.

2. IMMEDIATE PROBLEM SEEMS TO HAVE ARISEN FROM FACT AT LEAST THREE PROTESTANT FAMILIES WERE SQUATTING IN UNALLOCATED HOUSING TINY PROTESTANT ENCLAVE THERE. PUBLIC HOUSING PRIORITY IS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTINUING SOURCE IRRITATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND PARTICULARLY

IN PROTESTANT-CATHOLIC INTERFACES. CONTROVERSY IS ALSO GROWING  
ABOUT ROLE OF PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS IN ALLOCATING HOUSING.  
HOUSING AUTHORITY DENIES BEING SUPERSEDED IN THIS BUT IT CLEAR  
THAT PARAMILITARIES DO EXERCISE SOME "PERSUASION" IN PLACING  
FAMILIES IN NEW HOUSING. IN CASE SUFFOLK ESTATE IT APPEARS  
PROVISIONAL IRA DETERMINED EXPEL PROTESTANTS THROUGH INTIMIDATION  
AND UDA PREPARED MEET THIS WITH VIOLENCE.  
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